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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF SOVIET PENTECOSTALS

1. ANDREI SAKHAROV CALLED CONSULAR COUNSELOR ON JANUARY 11 TO REPORT THAT THREE PENTECOSTALS FROM NAKHODKA WERE BRIEFLY DETAINED BY THE K.G.B. AS THEY TRIED TO BOARD A PLANE TO COME TO MOSCOW. THE PENTECOSTALS, BORIS PERCHATKIN, VLADIMIR STEPANOV AND ANNA CHUPRINA, HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CONSOFF ABOUT EMIGRATING FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO THE UNITED STATES. CHUPRINA HAD LETTER FROM EMBASSY INVITING HER FOR INTERVIEW.

2. ACCORDING TO SAKHAROV, THE KGB CONFISCATED THEIR AIR TICKETS, AND THE PERSONAL DOCUMENTS THEY HAD GATHERED TO SUPPORT THEIR CASE FOR EMIGRATING INCLUDING VYZOV. THEY WERE REFUNDED THE COST OF THEIR PLANE TICKETS.

COMMENT: THE PENTECOSTAL COMMUNITY IN NAKHODKA IN LARGE AND HAS SENT THE EMBASSY SEVERAL LETTERS AND PETITIONS.
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MANY OF THEM HAVE SPONSORS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND HAVE ACTIVELY PETITIONED THE OVIR FOR EXIT PERMISSION, BUT THE EMBASSY KNOWS OF NONE WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN EMIGRATING.
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